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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION REGARDING
THE CONVERSION AND
ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF
PREMERA BLUE CROSS AND ITS
AFFILIATES

No. G02-45

OIC STAFF'S APPEAL OF THE
SPECIAL MASTER'S ORDER ON
OBJECTIONS OR PRODUCTION OF
REPORTS

INTRODUCTION

On November 3, 2003, the OIC Staff filed objections to Premera's proposed redactions of OIC Consultant's reports. On November 17, 2003 the Special Master issued his Order on Objections to Premera's "AEO" and "Confidential" Designations ("Order"). In his Order, the Special Master indicated that Premera had withdrawn its designations on many of the proposed redactions. The Special Master also ordered disclosure of many of Premera's proposed redactions. Furthermore, the Order the Special Master sustained a number of Premera's proposed redactions. The OIC Staff objects to a number of the proposed redactions that the Special Master sustained.

Attached hereto under seal and incorporated herein for all purposes, are tables marked Reports 2, 3 and 5 that set out the OIC Staff's objections with copies of the relevant portions of the reports. Only those proposed redactions to which the OIC Staff continues to have objections are listed.

RELIEF REQUESTED

The OIC Staff requests that the Commissioner overrule the Special Master's Order on these objections/comments and order that the matters identified in the attached tables be disclosed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19th day of November, 2003.

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